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September 20, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Chief of the Office of Public Safety to accept on behalf of the County, \$107,562 in proportionate reimbursement funds allocated by the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) under the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In June of 1999, the Board of Supervisors instructed the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sheriff to submit an application to the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance for the County's participation in the BVP program. The purpose of the program is to save lives of law enforcement officers by assisting local law enforcement agencies to provide officers with armor vests. Under the provisions of the BVP program, the Federal government will reimburse local agencies up to 50 percent of vest purchase costs.

Representatives from the Sheriff, District Attorney, and the Office of Public Safety ascertained their respective department's needs for armor vests. The BVP program requires participants to apply for reimbursement funds electronically via the BVP web site. Each participating County department was required to complete their application on-line. The Chief Administrative Office, as the County's designated contact, reviewed, verified, and combined the departmental submissions into one application. The County's FFY 2005 BVP program application was transmitted on-line, in accordance with the Board's instruction of June 1999.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program meets the County's Strategic Goal 2, Workforce Excellence, by enhancing the safety of law enforcement officers.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's FFY 2005 BVP application requested 50 percent reimbursement for 1,726 armor vests. The Sheriff requested 1,160 vests, District Attorney 18, and the Office of Public Safety 548, at a total cost of \$745,341. Fifty percent reimbursement of the County's armor vests order would be \$372,670. However, the BJA awarded the County reimbursement funds in the amount of \$107,562, which is equivalent to fourteen percent reimbursement. Departments which receive funds are responsible for absorbing the remaining match requirement costs.

The Chief Administrative Officer will disburse the awarded reimbursement funding in amounts proportionate to each Department's total armor vest order as reflected on the attached chart. The reimbursement deadline date for armor vests purchased under the FFY 2005 BVP is September 30, 2009. The armor vests may be purchased all at once or in increments with reimbursement payments forthcoming upon the Chief Administrative Officer's confirmation that participating agencies' approved armor vest order was received and invoiced.

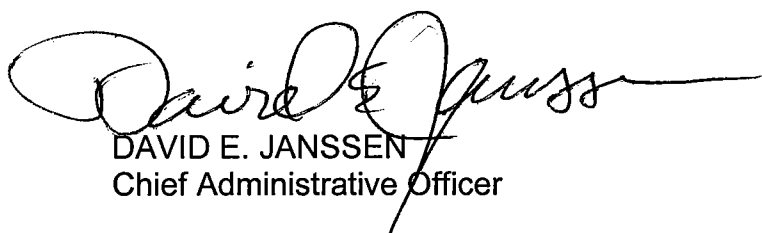
FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In June of 1998, the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Act of 1998 was signed into law as Public Law 105-181 (S. 1605). The FFY 2005 Department of Justice Appropriations Act has made \$23.6 million dollars available for the purchase of armor vests. The BVP Act provides funding priority to jurisdictions with populations under 100,000 residents.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

Officer safety in the line of duty is of primary concern. BVP funding offsets the costs incurred by participating County departments in ensuring that their personnel have access to an armor vest.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Administrative Officer

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District Attorney
County Counsel
Chief, Office of Public Safety

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Attachment A**FFY 2005 Application**

Reimbursement Amount \$107,562

| Department | # of Vests | Total Cost | Weighted Total Cost By Dept | 50% Cost | Award Amount |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Office of Public Safety | 548 | 151,385 | 20% | 75,693 | \$ 21,847 |
| District Attorney | 18 | 6,683 | 1% | 3,342 | \$ 964 |
| Sheriff | 1,160 | 587,272 | 79% | 293,636 | \$ 84,751 |
| Total | 1,726 | 745,341 | 100% | 372,670 | \$ 107,562 |